KEEP ROBERTS' ARMY CONGREGATED IN BLOEMFONTEIN.

FIGHTING AT SEVERAL POINTS From the Cuban Cabinet-Candidate

Troops Sent to Relieve Wepener Confronted by a Force Too Strong to be Attacked-Other Troops Sent to Reinforce Rundle-The Uncomfortable Position in Which French Finds Himself-Heavy Fighting at Wepener and DeWet's Dorp.

London, April 24.-An official list of the British losses at Wepener from April 9th to 18th shows: Killed 3 officers and 18 men; wounded 14 officers and 86 men.

All attention is concentrated on the interesting, though complicated, situation in the southeastern portion of the Orange Free State, from which developments of the utmost importance must ensue in the near future. General Rundle, it would seem, has found the Boers confronting him at De Wet's dorp in stronger force than he cares to engage, and so he is marking time pending the arrival of supports. While General Rundle is preparing to strike De Wet's dorp Generals Brabant and Hart are pushing along the frontier to ment between myself and yourself, on Basutoland, where they will be able to frustrate any attack on General Rundle's right, and General French and Pole-Carew are hastening from Bloemfontein to bar the Boer line of

retreat northward. Meanwhile the burgher forces occupying Thabanchu are in a position to fight a delaying action, giving the Boers at De Wet's dorp and Wepener time to retire in case of defeat, and it seems as though General French must dispose of this Thabanchu force before he can reach the rear of the Boer forces opposing Generals Rundle and Brabant, otherwise his flank will be open to as-

A STIFF FIGHT EXPECTED. The Boers driven out of Leeuw kop will probably rally at Thabanchu where a stiff fight may be expected. Should the British fail in this attempt to bring about another Paardeberg, it must immensely effect the larger issues of the war as it will undoubtedly lead to a persistent repetition of the guerrilla tactics which have been largely responsible for the penning up of Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein for so many weeks.

CANADIANS IN A TIGHT PLACE. During the course of General Alderson's advance on Leeuw kop the Canadians found themselves in a tight corner Sunday near Dunkerpoort. The Canadian mounted infantry, sent to reconnoitre the Boer position approached within 300 yards of a farm flying the hospital flag, under cover of which the Boers opened such a hot fire on the Canadians that they were unable to attempt to retire until another force of Canadians covered their retreat by threatening the rear of the Boer posi-

A REPORT FROM ROBERTS. The war office issues the following

from Lord Roberts: Bloemfontein, April 24.—Generals Brabant and Hart yesterday turned the position occupied by the enemy, who tried to prevent their moving northward and got into heliograph communication with Colonel Dalgetty, commandant of the besieged garrison at Wepener, who reported all well. At 1 try. o'clock p. m., yesterday Brabant and Hart were eight miles south of Wepener. The Eleventh division, under General Pole-Carew, and General French's two brigades of cavalry reached Tweedle Celuk yesterday afternoon without having met serious opposition.

'Heliograph communication has been established with General Rundle. A patrol of the Seventh dragoons, under Lieutenant Jenkins which was reported missing yesterday, has rejoined General French's camp with the exception of Corporal Taylor and Private Cook who are believed to be wounded and prisoners.

"Mounted infantry yesterday under General Jelliton occupied the water works at Sannas-Post. As the enemy are holding the neighboring hills in strength the Ninth division, consisting of General Smith-Dorrien's and General MacDonald's brigades has been despatched to support Hamilton.

"General Maxwell's brigade, formerly General Chermside's of the Seventh division, yesterday moved eastward and seized the hills covering the wagon bridge over the Modder river at Kranz kraal an important communication much used by the Boers during the last three weeks. Our only casualty was Private Brum, New South Wales mounted rifles, taken prisoner."

LISTING CAPE COLONY REBELS. Cape Town, April 24.-The authorities have already listed the names of 12,000 alleged rebels in Cape Colony and

A consignment of thousands of boots, shirts, cloths and packages, of tobacco will be despatched from here tomorrow to the United States consul at Pretoria, Adelbert Hay, for distribution among the British soldiers held as prisoners by the Boers.

FIGHTING AT WEPENER CON-TINUED.

Preoria, April 23.—An official bulletin issued here today says: "The federals continue their fighting at Wepener and have captured a herd of General Brabant's cattle and horses.

"General De Wet's losses at De Wet's dorp was one man killed and six men wounded. Twenty British were captured, besides the killed and wounded. The British apppear to be retiring beyond De Wet's dorp.

STUBBORN RETREAT OF BRITISH. "Cronje reports that with a strong commando, he attacked the British northeast of Boshof. A heavy engagement followed and the English were driven from kopje to kopje. The federal's displayed great courage and resolution and spiritedly chased the enemy in the direction of Boshof, Only two burghers were wounded. The British lost fifteen men killed and left three wounded and eight prisoners in the

hands of the burghers. [Note.-The Cronje referred to is undoubtedly Commandant Cronje, the second son of the famous Boer general now a prisoner on the island of St. Helena.]

THE ATTACK ON DALGETTY. Maseru, Basutoland, Tuesday, April 24.-The Boers severely attacked Colonel Dalgetty's northern position, facing Bokpoort ridge, at 1 o'clock this morning, bringing four guns into action, under whose fire they made a determined advance.

The British returned a heavy fire before which the Boers recoiled after extending across the flats and maintaining a continuous long range fusillade

for some hours. Artillery can be heard in the direc-

SHREWD BOER TACTICS tion of De Wet's dorp, but there is no sign that the British relief column in that quarter has advanced farther. ish force has been detached from Bloemfontein. If so the position of the Boers around Wepener is precarious.

RIVERA'S RESIGNATION.

for Mayor of Havana.

Havana, April 24.-General Rius Rivera has resigned the post of secretary or agriculture, industry and commerce in the governor general's cabinet. He has also announced to the citizens of Havana that he is a candidate for the mayoralty. His letter of resignation

to General Wood runs as follows: "This disagreement that has arisen between yourself and him who signs this, in consequence of a letter which the public press has published, obliges me to tended my resignation of the secretaryship of agriculture, industry and commerce, which you conferred upon me on January 1st of this year. Acking you to accept the same, I re-Yours respectfully,

"RIVERA." General Wood acknowledging the re-

ceipt of the letter, said: "I appreciate the benefits your services have rendered to the department, and I am also satisfied with the re-sults already obtained. * * *

"With regard to the opinions, expressed in the letter to which you refer, the first notice I had of it was through the statement and from the fact that the other secretaries asked me personally whether the disagreeaccount of your letter, blore any relations to any change in the policy of the intervening government, I answered that the disagreement did not bear any relation to the policy of government, and I added that the recrganization of the country and the establishment of a stable government would be rapidly carried out, the proof of this being the municipal elections, fixed to take place in June. The secretaries and myself regret that you cannot aid in carrying out the purposes of the American government respecting the people of Cuba.

"Respectfully yours, "GENERAL WOOD."

THE REVOLT IN COLOMBIA.

Government Troops Defeated-Great Excitement in Panama.

Kingston, Ja., April 24.-A passenger from Panama who arrived here today informs the representative of Associated Press that a filiburstering party from Nicaragua, which recently landed at David, a town of Colombia, 115 miles west of Panama, was composed mostly of Colombians, who are fighting on the side of the revolutionists, and that it has no designs upon Costa

The informant added that it was reported a detachment of Colombian troops sent to David had been defeated by the filibusters. The prefect, Senor Viana and Captain Cuevas and twenty-five men who were garrisoning David, were said to have been slain by the invading force.

The passenger further said that Panama was much excited and that a number of prominent residents of the city had been imprisoned on suspicion of being in sympathy with the rebels. A government decree, he also announced, had just been issued stopping the publication of all newspapers in Colombia except the recognized government organs. The censorship was

JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS.

rigid, no news getting out of the coun-

Large Influx of Coolies-The Matter to be Investigated.

Victoria, B. C., April 24.—The steamer Braemer arrived at quarantine today with 1,056 Japanese immigrants, while the Empress of China due tomorrow, has 600 more, almost all being bound for United States ports under

contract. Washington, April 24.-The treasury department has ordered a special agent to proceed to the Pacific coast to investigate the matter of the large influx of Japanese coolies to this country within the last few months. The question is still troubling the immigration officials. Until two or three months ago the immigration of Japanese to the United States was small. It has become so heavy as to excite suspicion that the men are coming

here as contract laborers. The treasury has also requested the state department to ask American consuls to investigate the matter and make a report.

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TURKEY WILL PAY

The natives report that another Brit- The Missionary Indemnity - Import-Roberts College.

> Washington, April 24-It can be stated on authority that the negotiations respecting the American missionary claims are progressing in the most satisfactory manner, in the view of the government. The department has received from Mr. Griscom, the United States charge, a cablegram announcing the porte has undertaken to meet all of the engagements made with the United States respecting the payment of the claims set up on account of the destruction of the American mission property in Turkey. It is not stated when the payments will be made, and it is surmised, that owing to the many obligations of greater magnitude pressing upon the porte, some time may yet elapse before the money is actually in

hand. The charge also confirmed the press reports as to the publication by the uorte of an irade authorizing the re- vania, by a vote of 33 to 32. The galbuilding of the destroyed missions at leries were thronged with multitudes, Harpoot and Harsan and the construction of an annex to the Robert college, the great American theological

institute. This action of the Turkish authorities is regarded as of importance, far exceeding the payment of \$90,000 on account of property destroyed by a mob. It amounts to the recognition of the right of our missionaries to build their schools in Turkey and ensures them ual, but absolute excursion from the domains of the sultan. Under the Turkish law, buildings destroyed under the condition surrounding these at Harpoot, can be reconstructed only by special permission of the porte. In the case of Harpoot schools and Robert college, the applications have been pending for several years before the porte, and several American ministers have vainly tried to forward them.

THE WELLAND CANAL OUTRAGE. The Men who Attempted to Blow up

the Lock Still Unknown.

Washington, April 24.-The latest report from the United States consulat Clifton, Canada, respecting the Welland canal outrage goes to exonerate upon the affair.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 24.-A special to The News from Ottawa reports an interview with Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, on the recent attempt to blow up the Welland canal locks, in which he said it was possible from the declaration of the men that they were United States citizens; that they proposed to plead their offense was a po-

"If," he continued, "they were part of a Boer organization then they were guilty of treason to the sovereign power of the 'United States for having conspired against organized government, and on the other hand they would be guilty of making an unwarrantable war upon Canada a friendly nation. Then surely the political offense would be evident and the United States would deal with them summarily. However,, in general, if the culprits plead political offense then the matter would become a question of diplomatic communication from the United States and would be directed to the federal government.'

The militia department has esnt orders to have ammunition in the arsenals along the border put under strong guard.

THE SEABOARD'S SUIT

Against the McDonald Company for Issuing an Attachment.

Norfolk, Va., April 24.-Suit was instituted in the name of the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad at Petersburg today against the James P. McDonald Coustruction Company for \$250,000 damages. This suit grows out of the fact that in the previous suit of the McDonald construction against the Raleigh and Gaston and the Seaboard and Roanoke roads recently brought in the hustings court at Petersburg an attachment was issued against the latter company in spite of the fact that it is a Virginia corporation, while the affidavit on which the attachment was based alleges that only the Raleigh and Gaston road was a non-resident company, while the papers in the same suit showed on their face that the Seaboard and Roanoke road is a Virginia corporation. Hence it is contended by the Seaboard and Roanoke road that the effort on the part of James P. McDonald Company to tie up its funds in the hands of a score of firms and corporations has resulted in great damages to the fair name and credit of that road.

A DETERMINED OFFICER.

Saves His Prisoner From Lynching by a Mob.

simply an impossibility without county narrowly escaped having a nays. The motion was defeated as lynching today.A negro named Stephen Baptist was arrested by Constable Talley, charged with the murder on Sunday of Mr. Peter Jones, and Talley was ordered by the county judge to take him to Petersburg for safe keeping.

While the constable was on the way to the depot a mob demanded the prisoner, but Talley held the crowd at bay at the point of a pistol, declaring that he would defend Baptist to the last extremity, and keep his oath of office at any cost. His determination awed the mob, and he reached Petersburg with his prisoner late this even-

United States Assistance in Peru. Santiago de Chili, April 24, via. Galveston, Texas.-The newspapers here publish the text of a secret document from Lima, concerning the international question with Peru, which indicates that the only solution is to be found in the assistance of the United Rawlins.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Raleigh, N. C., April 24.-The postoffice at Youngsville, a town north of here, was entered last night, the safe blown open and \$120 worth of stamps and \$90 in money and one registered package stolen. Also \$75 was secured by the thief or thieves from the post-

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SENATOR QUAY DEFEATED

ance of Permission to Rebuild the SENATE DECIDES HE IS NOT ENTITLED TO THE SEAT.

EXCITING SCENES AT THE CLOSE

Of the Debate and on the Roll-Call. The Resolution Declaring Him Not Entitled to the Seat Adopted by a Vote of Thirty-Three to Thirty-Two. Party Lines Obliterated - The Vote in Detail-ilouse Adopts Emergency Resolution as to Porto Rico Officials.

SENATE.

Washington, April 24-Hon. Matthew S. Quay was today refused a seat in the United States senate on the appointment of the governor of Pennsylwhile other multitudes were unable to gain admission. On the floor of the senate was every member of the body now in the city and scores of members of the house of representatives. The great throng listened with deep attention to the brilliant argument of Senator Spooner, in favor of the seatagainst what they regarded as a grad- ing of the former Pennsylvania senator and to the dramatic and fiery eloquence of Senator Daniel of Virgina, who appealed to his colleagues to do what on his oath as a senator he deemed right, and vote to do justice to him who was knocking at the senate doors. Senator Daniel concluded ten minutes before the hour fixed for the voting to begin. The excitement in the

senate by this time was intense. There was a hush in the chamber as Senator Frye, in the chair, announced at 4 o'clock that the hour for the final vote had arrived and that the question was the pending motion of Senator Chandler to strike out of the resolution declaring Mr. Quay not to be entitled to a seat the word "not".

Amid suppressed excitement, Senator Chandler demanded the yeas and nays and the secretary of the senate what are known in Canada as Fenians | began to call the roll. All knew the from complicity in the attempt to blow | vote would be close. The first sensagrain handlers of Buffalo also being ator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, to given a certificate of good character, answer to his name, although he was \$th and 9th. the actual movers in the affair must re- in his seat. When Senator Vest's main a mystery, according to the con- name was called he voted "no" in a sul, unless the examination of the clear distinct voice, thus dashing the to speak, the 'coup de grace'- of supthree men now held under arrest in last hope of the friends of Mr. Quay pressing the insurgent troops in the Canada for the crime shall throw light | who had expected confidently that the distinguished Missourian would vote for his long time personal friend.

When the session opened the Culberson resolution requesting the president for information as to what commissions have been created or appointed by the executive since March 4, 1895, in reference to foreign relations or the territories of the United States or to inquire into the war with Spain: the personnel of the commission, the total compensation or allowance of each of the commissioners and of all employees of the commissions, was passed.

A bill authorizing the secretary of war to make regulations governing the ruining of loose logs, steamboats and rafts on certain rivers was pass-

Consideration of the Quay case was then resumed. Senator Penrose, Pennsylvania, continued his argument began late yesterday afternoon. Senator McCumber, of North Dako-

ta, formerly a Quay advocate, delivered a carefully prepared constitutional argument in opposition to the seating of Mr. Quay. Senator Spooner contended for liber-

al statesmanship in the case, saying that the senate should not take the narrowest conceived view in its determination of the question. As for himself, neither personal tie, nor popular criticism would influence his vote which should be cast for Mr. Quay. "This is a judicial question," said Senator Daniel, of Virgina, "and ought

to be decided upon judicial principles. Upon my oath as a senator of the United States delivering true judgment | are universally worsted. according to my legal convictions, I declare I do believe that Mr. Quay is entitled to a seat in this body and so believeing I will so vote." Senator Daniel then presented a con-

stitutional argument in reply to that made yesterday by Senator Quarles, of Wisconsin. In conclusion Senator Daniel declar-

ed that Mr. Quay as the appointee of the governor of Pennsylvania had as goood a right to a seat in the senate as had any senator. When Senator Daniel concluded, it still lacked ten minutes of the hour

fixed for vote. The joint resolution providing for the filling of temporary offices in Porto Rico was laid before the senate and Senator Foraker, of Ohio, moved to non-concur in the house amendments and agree to a conference. This was agreed to and the chair appointed conferees on the part of the senate. At 4 o'clock the chair announced the hour for voting had arrived and the pending question was Senator Chandler's motion to strike out of the committee resolution declaring that Senator Quay was not entitled to a seat in the senate, the word "not."

Richmond, April 24.-Mecklenburg Senator Chandler asked for yeas and

Yeas-Allison, Baker, Carter, Chandler, Clark of Wyoming, Cullom, Daniel, Davis, Deboe, Foraker, Frye, Gear, Hansbrough, Jones of Nevada, Mc-Comas, McLaurin, Mason, Morgan, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Platt of New York, Scott, Sewell, Shoup, Spooner, Stewart, Sullivan, Teliaferro. Warren, Wetmore, Wolcott-32. Nays-Allen, Bacon, Bard, Bate,

Berry, Burrows, Butler, Clay, Cockerell, Culberson, Hale, Harris, Heitfeld, Jones of Arkansas, Lindsay, McBride, McCuber, McEnery, McMillan, Martin, Money, Platt of Connecticut, Proctor, Quarles, Ross, Simon, Teller, Tillman, Turley, Turner, Vest, Wellington-33. Pairs were announced as follows, the first named in each instance being favorable to Mr. Quay and the second opposed to him:

Pritchard- Gallinger, Depew- Hanna, Foster-Kean, Lodge-Thurston, Kenney-Caffery, Elkins-Chilton, Fairbanks-Malloy, Hoar-Pettus, Kyle-

The following Senators were unpair-Aldrich, Beveridge, Clark of Montana and Pettigrew. The question then recurred on the

original resolution and it was adopted by a vote of 33 to 32, the former vote being exactly reversed on this ques-Thus Mr. Quay was denied a seat in the senate on the appointment of Governor Stone.

The senate then at 4:25 o'clock p. m. adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The house today adopted the Foraker

emergency resolution to continue the present officers in Porto Rico in office until the appointments are made under the civil government act as amended by the committee on insular affairs, The amendments require that all franchises shall be approved by the president before they become operative and place certain restrictions upon chartered corporations, such as the issuing of stock or bonds except for cash and inhibiting real estate corporations or the holding of real estate by corporations except such as is necessary to carry the purpose for which

they were created. About twenty pages of the post office appropriation bill were disposed of, the only substantial amendments adopted being one to give extra compensation to letter carriers who work in excess of 48 hours a week. All the other substantial amendments were ruled out on points of order.

THE CAMPAIGN IN LUZON.

What the Two Brigades in Southern Luzon Have Done Since January 1st.

Washington April 24.-The military situation in the Philippines, as shown made public today: On the 1st of January 1900, the insur-

rection in the part of Luzon embrazing the province of Manila and the provinces to the north of it, had collapsed to the extent that organized resistance to Ameican control had virtually ceased. A different state of affairs existed in Cavite, Batangas, lying immediately south of Manila. In this territory, the richest and most populous of the island, the birthplace of Aguinaldo and the rebellion, the insurgent troops were still intact, had in fact been strengthened by accessions from the north and as regards equipment, discipline, and cohesion, were equal, if not superior, to any that

surgent cause. General Otis committeed the task of the destruction or dispersion of the forces within this district to two expeditionary brigades, commanded respectively by Brigadier Generals Wheaton and Schwan. In and about the two towns of Baccor and Imus, in northern Cavite there were and long had been insugent bodies of considerable size, of some which had actually ator of Virginia, but this could not be beseiged our garrisons in those towns. These insurgent bodies, General up the lock and disable the canal. The tion was caused by the failure of Sen- Wheaton's command attacked and completely rounted on January

The further disintgration of the remnants of this force-giving it, so remainder of the four provinces and of restoring, if practicable, peace and order therein, fell to the lot of General Schwan's brigade.

In the course of its campaign his troops covered 650 miles, fought 33 combats and established permanent garrisons in 21 towns within this district. It set out on January 4th and its work was practically finished on February 8th. Not that all hostilities had then ceased. On the contrary, our troops have had and still have frequent conflicts with the robber bands that were formed from the disintegrated insurgent military organizations and who emerge periodically from their hiding places in mountains and thickets to pounce upon inadequately guarded wagon trains and small parties. But concert of action and co-operation, save on a very limited scale, was ended by the latter date; the control exercised by the insurgent leaders, except over their small immediate following, was minimized and their power for mischief materially reduced if not wholly broken. In the principal towns or centers of trade and municipal government, military forces, generally battalions, have been placed. These forces operate within their several spheres under their majors, for the most part energetic young officers holding lesser rank in the regulars and, whenever necessary, co-operate under the colonels, for the battalions of a regiment are grouped in

neighboring places. On the whole, the outlook for the pacification of this district and other parts of Louzon is favorable. In their conflicts with our troops, the ladrones

Their defeats will become more and more serious as our troops gain the confidence of the intelligent and property owning class; and when the later becomes unwilling to submit to the robbers' exactions and become willing to guide our troops to their retreats, their doom will be sealed. To accomplish this object may take time, and it is possible some of the robber bands may be able to maintain themselves during the coming wet season; but their eventual destruction is regarded

A CABLEGRAM FROM OTIS.

as certain.

Giving Account of Recent Engage-

ments With the Insurgents. Washington, April 24.—General Otis

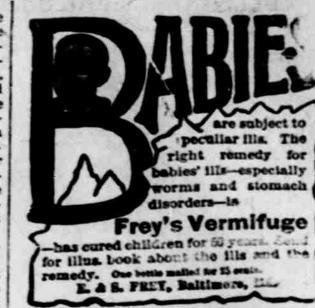
has cabled the following account of recent engagements in the Philippines: "Manila, April 24. "Early on the morning of the 7th,

several hundred Tagalos and Vizayans attacked a battalion of the Fortieth infantry at Cagayan, north coast of Mindanao; our casualties were two killed, eleven wounded; the enemy's loss was fifty-three killed, eighteen wounded and captured in city, beside other losses suffered on the retreat. Young reports from northwestern Luzon several hundred natives, influenced by Aguinaldo's bishop, Aglipak, attacked his troops at several points and in turn had been attacked. Their loss in attack on Batoc on the 15th instant was 106 killed, and during the entire fighting from 15th to 17th 333 killed; our loss during the period was tion. Justice Brewer refused a motion two killed, and four wounded. Young to compel the opening of the records has plenty of troops and will have little further opposition. Affairs at other Luzon points are improving, local residents and inhabitants of towns giving information and rendering assistance. The troops are taking possession of the interior of the small is-

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THE KUHN TRAGEDY.

Condition of Husband and Wife, the Result of Attempt at Murder and Suicide by the Former.

Philadelphia, April 24.-William Kuhn and his wife Lulu, each aged by the latest mail advices received at about 25 years, and formerly of Richthe war department is summarized in | mond. Va., are in a critical condition the following statement which was in a hospital here as the result of an attempt by Kuhn to kill himself and wife with a razor last midnight.

The affair took place in a boarding house, No. 719 North Sixteenth street, where the couple have been living for about four months. Kuhn accused his , wife of inattention to her home and Laguna and Tayabas, the provinces going to theatres with other men. The wife resented the charges and a quarrel followed. Suddenly the husband grabbed a razor and drew it across his throat, making a wound about four inches long. He then rushed at his wife, but only succeeded in cutting

her slightly on the chin. The couple then struggled around the room just as they reached the had been raised in support of the in- open second floor window the woman slipped and fell through, dragging her husband with her. The woman's spine was badly injured and her head lacerated, and the husband's leg broken. He managed to crawl back to the house where the police found him shortly after the woman was found in

the yard. Little is known of the couple here. Kuhn is said to be a former state senconfirmed. They came to the city about a year ago and were well dressed and well behaved. For some time awning cutter in a a department store.

NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

The Raleigh Telephone Company-The Third for That City-Cities in This State, Including Wilmington, and Virginia to be Connected.

Correspondence of the Messenger.

Hamlet, N. C., April 24. Mr. Will Wynne, general manager of the Raleigh Telephone Company, recently organized arrived here yesterday from the pole regions near this place, where he had been to make the contract for the poles to complete his

exchange. The Raleigh Telephone Company was recently organized at the capital city with the following officers: Mr. W. N. Jones, president; Mr. A. B. Stronach, vice president; Mr. T. A. Armstrong secretary and treasurer; Mr. Will Wynne, general manager. The company was incorporated with a capital of \$15,000 but has already let con-

tracts for over \$20,000. The Southern Bell and the Inter-State Companies already have exchanges in Raleigh, so the new one will give that city three exchanges. It is said it will be the only sity in America to have three telephone exchanges. The new company proposes to have an exchange of 1,000 phones. It expects to be in operation and talking with Richmond, Va., and a large number of North Carolina cities within the next 90 days. Connection with the eastern North Carolina exchanges is to be made by a line already runnning to Selma and thence to be built to Dunn, a short distance. The line to Richmond will be by way of Wake Forest to Weldon. The building of only five miles of line will make the Richmond connection.

It is understood that the Raleigh Exchange will utilize private lines already in that city and extending to different towns in the east. The local exchange in Raleigh, Mr.

Wynne states, will be ready for use in two weeks. He says the company expects to complete a line to Wilmington in the next twelve months.

JUDGE SIMONTON'S DECISION

Against Compelling Private Corporations Submitting Their Books for Inspection in the Raflway Tax Case. Negroes Seeking Work at the North.

> Messenger Bureau. Raleigh, N. C., April 24.

Standing Master James E. Shepherd yesterday started to Wilmington to continue the hearing in the railway tax assessment case, but at Goldsboro received telegrams from attorneys asking that there be a continuance. To this he agreed and returned here.

Today he received the following opinquestion whether private corporations must produce their books and open them for examination: "The witness has very properly so far obeyed the subpoena as to produce the books. He now objects to the examination of them on the ground that his corporation is not a party to this suit and that such an examination will betray all the secrets of the business of his corporaof a corporation not a party to the suit, but whose records it was claimed would disclose something of importance t othe litigation. I am of opinion that the agent of the private corporation, not a party to the proceedings, cannot be compelled to open for examination the books of the company and expose them to the scrutiny of third persons. In one case, United States vs. Babcock, the subpoena required the production of certain telegraph messages. No ob-jection was made because this would work a betrayal of the business secrets

of the company." The state today chartered the Burress & Gray Rice Milling Company of New

Bern, capital \$5,000. There is much delay in the issue of the new corporation commission map of the state. This is due to the many changes. The last map was issuel in

The delegates from the Raleigh odges to the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, left for Durham today. Collector Duncan says there is no doubt that populists and republicans will fuse solidly this year.

Today 55 negro men left here for New York to work in brick yards.